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SUBJ: CSCE AND MULTIPLE VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS

REF: MOSCOW 13032

1. ACTING POL COUNSELOR CALLED MFA USA DIVISION 0900 MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 15 TO SET UP MEETING TO DISCUSS TERMS OF AGREEMENT ENVISAGED PER PARA 4 REFTTEL; EXPLAINED SITUATION TO FIRST SEC TRIFONOV (ACTING FOR COUNSELOR CHETVERIKOV, ON VACATION); AND INFORMED HIM OF OUR INTENTION TO ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND IMMINENT DISCUSSIONS OF IMPLEMENTING TERMS IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW 1930 MOSCOW TIME SAME DAY.

2. TRIFONOV CALLED BACK 1400 MOSCOW TIME TO SAY (1) THAT SOVIETS HAD NO OBJECTION TO SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT AND (2) THAT KRYLOV OF PRESS DEPARTMENT WOULD BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY RE MEETING. ASKED WHEN WE COULD EXPECT CALL, TRIFONOV REPLIED "IN NEXT DAY OR TWO"; ASKED REASONS FOR DELAY, HE SAID SUBJECT WAS STILL BEING DISCUSSED INTERNALLY BECAUSE CONVERSATIONS WITH NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WOULD BE
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NECESSARY.

3. EMBASSY PLANS RELEASE FOLLOWING TEXT TO MOSCOW PRESS
COPRS THIS EVENING. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW THAT THE
USSR IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO GRANT MULTIPLE VISAS FOR
RESIDENT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. THE EMBASSY
EXPECTS TO BE MEETING WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS THIS WEEK TO
WORK OUT DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

4. CONTINGENCY Q'S AND A'S (IF ASKED BASIS):

Q. HOW WAS THE EMBASSY INFORMED?

A. VERBALLY DURING A CALL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

Q. WHO INFORMED WHOM?

A. A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OF THE PRESS SECTION AT THE
MINISTRY OF FORZIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED THE EMBASSY PRESS
ATTACHE.

Q. WHO WILL THE EMBASSY BE MEETING WITH THIS WEEK?

A. WE DO NOT KNOW YET.

Q. DO YOU THINK ONLY TECHNICAL DETAILS REMAIN?

A. THAT IS OUR IMPRESSION.
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